

Attending: Darrel Hannum & Geraldine Laux of HRDC, Val Golden of OPA and Brenda Evans & Carol Lamey of Job Service.

### **Agency Updates**

#### **1) OPA**

- i) The State of Montana OPA won the Mountain Plains Summit Award for assessability & their commitment to SNAP.
- ii) Has a vacant position in Blaine County office but not sure if able to fill. Still has the FTE.
- iii) Caseload is up in both Hill and Blaine Counties. Big push for individual to apply from the Fort Belknap area. There has also been an increase in nursing home cases.
- iv) Chimes is tentative set to go live in September.

#### **2) HRDC**

- i) Darrel relayed they are waiting to receive the ARRA awarded funds.
- ii) Summer youth program is busy and new requirements include an education component.
- iii) Executive Director interviewed were completed yesterday and after the full board meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> one should be named.
- iv) Currently have 1 Adult Education position open, but may have another one due to funding from the Youth Build program..
- v) Geraldine wrote and grant that was accepted for \$220,000 funding for subsidized employment program. This will be approximately 15 slots. Some of the guidelines include have to meet TANF eligibility guidelines, have a child in the home, but not currently receiving TANF. This grant is from 07/01/09 to September 2010.

#### **3) Job Service**

- i) Mavis is retiring the end of September and we are able to fill her position. It is currently open until 07/16.
- ii) Carol is working on our budget and the plan is to have in tomorrow. We finished last year okay.
- iii) New flooring will be installed – tile in resource area and carpet throughout the rest of the building. We will also be having ceiling fans installed in the resource area for energy purposes.
- iv) We will be renting an office out to REO.
- v) WIRED is set to end in January 2010.
- vi) WIA received additional funding along with a nominal amount for Dislocated Worker.
- vii) Mike Cooney is new administrator
- viii) One Stop certification was approved.
- ix) Carol held an informational meeting for the Blaine County Detention Center that has closed.

#### **4) JobLINC Website – still a work in progress. Carol will get together with Ray at Bullhook Clinic to get this on their server and then information on it will need to be updates**

**Next Brown Bag** –Suggestion was made to see if LIEAP would do as it will be gearing up for the season. Geraldine relayed that there is a new diner at the Atrium “Grateful Bread” that makes good size portions that individuals may want to consider for their lunch for the meeting.

**Next Meeting Date/Time:** September 9, 2009 at 10:30 a.m.